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SUBJECT: UNCTAD MANUFACTURES COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

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1. GROUP OF 77 HAVE NOW PROPOSED THAT THREE RESOLUTIONS (REFTEL)
ON ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE, SAFEGUARDS AND STANDSTILL, AND EXPORT
INCENTIVES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN COMMITTEE'S

REPORT WITH STATEMENT THAT "THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES URGES
THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO GIVE SERIOUS AND CONTINUING CONSIDERATION
TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES HAVE, UP TO THIS TIME, PROPOSED THAT COMMITTEE SIMPLY
TAKE NOTE OF VIEWS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STATED IN THESE DRAFT
RESOLUTIONS.

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2. IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE THAT EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RESOLVE

PROBLEM BY FINDING SOME LANGUAGE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THESE TWO POLES. ATTITUDES IN GROUP B, WHILE NOT YET FULLY KNOWN, EVIDENTLY WILL VARY. JAPANESE, UP TO THIS TIME, AND U.S. HAVE TAKEN STRONG STAND; CANADA AND AUSTRALIA ALSO HAVE TAKEN INITIALLY STRONG STAND, BUT HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE; POSITION OF COMMUNITY COUNTRIES UNCLEAR, THOUGH SOME SEEM WILLING TO ACCEPT WORDING CLOSE TO OR EVEN POSSIBLY THAT PROPOSED (ABOVE) BY 77.

3. AN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION CONVERGING ALL SORTS OF N.T.B. MATTERS STILL IS EXPECTED FROM THE 77 AND PRESUMABLY WILL BE SUBJECT TO WHATEVER TREATMENT IS AGREED FOR THESE THREE RESOLUTIONS.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO US THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO MINIMIZE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT TO CONSIDERATION OF CONTENT OF THESE RESOLUTIONS SINCE WE KNOW MUCH OF CONTENT IS SUBSTANTIVELY UNACCEPTABLE TO US. WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID WORDS LIKE "URGE" AND "SERIOUS" AND PARTICULARLY "CONTINUING." ON THE OTHER HAND TO RECOMMEND TO REQUEST "CONSIDERATION" OR "DUE CONSIDERATION", OR SOME OTHER WORDING OF LESS FORCE AND DURATION, MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. OUR PRESENT INCLINATION IS THAT WE SHOULD STICK WITH THE JAPANESE AS LONG AS THEY (OR OTHERS) ARE FIRM, BUT THAT IN THE END WE COULD ACCEPT SOME MIDDLE WORDING.

ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE OR COMMENT SOONEST.
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